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SUBJECT: VELASCO'S CIA ACCUSATION

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1. I PRESENTED OUR PORTEST CONCERNING PREISDENT VELASCO'S ALLUSION TO CIA INVOLVEMENT IN FIEBRUARY 5 DISTURBANCES IN LIMA TO FONOFFICE SECRETARY GENERAL GARCIA BEDOYA YESTERDAY (FEBRUARY 27). I MADE POINTS CONTAINED PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL PLACING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE POTENTIAL FOR HARM TO RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES OF GOP'S FAILURE TO ACCEPT SOLEMN ASSURANCES OF NON-INVOLVEMENT WE HAVE GIVEN THEM MAKING SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE SECRETARY'S PERSONAL MESSAGE TO DE LA FLOR OF LAST NOVEMBER. I POINTED OUT OUR DESIRE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF UNDERSTANDING AND MUTUAL CONFIDENCE, WHICH ARE NOT FURTHERED BY SUCH ALLUSIONS AND ALLEGATIONS.

2. SECRETARY GENERAL UNDERSTOOD SERIOUSNESS AND DEPTH OR OUR CONCERN. HE REFERRED TO ELEMENTS OF THE EXTREME RIGHT AND EXTREME LEFT WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ESPECIALLY HARD SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE GREENE AGREEMENT LAST FEBRUARY TO COUNTER ANY IMPROVEMENT IN CLIMATE OF OUR RELATIONS. HE INDICATED WE SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COUNTER SUCH ATTEMPTS IN US AS WELL AS IN PEJR. IN ADDITION, HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WE COULD FIND SOME OCCASION TO INITIATE CHANNEL OF
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DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PREISDENT FORD AND PRESI-

DENT VELASCO, ADDING THAT SUCH RELATIONSHIP ENJOYED
BY PRESIDENT VELASCO HAD WITH MR. NIXON IN THE PAST HAD
PROVEN TO BE MODERATING INFLUENCE AND HIGHLY VALUED BY VELASCO.

3. I PLAN TO GO OVER SAME GROUND WITH FONMIN DE LA
FLOR DURING MY NEXT APPOINTMENT WITH HIM SCHEDULED
FOR 12:00 O'CLOCK SATURDAY, MARCH 1.
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